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Letter dated 23 November 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government and pursuant to my note dated November 1984 (A/39/640-S/16822), I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention to the following:

On Sunday 18 November 1984, Vietnamese troops launched an unprovoked and premeditated attack against the Kampuchean civilian border encampment of Nong Chan, situated inside Kampuchea about 6-10 kilometres from the Thai-Kampuchean border. Shelling and eventual occupation of Nong Chan forced the population of approximately 20,000 civilians to seek refuge at safer areas along the Thai-Kampuchean border. At the last count, there were two civilians dead and 54 people suffering from shrapnel wounds, excluding others yet to be accounted for. The United Nations Border Relief Operation (UNBRO), World Food Programme (WFP), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and other relevant voluntary agencies are providing emergency relief items to these unfortunate civilian Kampucheans as well as medical teams to care for the wounded. The Royal Thai Government, in co-operation with UNBRO, has prepared an emergency evacuation site further inside Thai territory for use should continued Vietnamese acts of aggression force these innocent civilians to flee their homeland.

The above-mentioned attacks against innocent Kampuchean civilians were shamelessly launched by the Vietnamese occupying forces in Kampuchea while the thirty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly is in progress and in spite of the overwhelming adoption, by an unprecedented margin, of the resolution on the situation in Kampuchea. Apart from being in contravention of the principle of humanitarianism, these attacks also manifest intentional disregard of the Charter and the resolutions of the United Nations by

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Viet Nam. The Royal Thai Government, foreseeing further unprovoked and premeditated attacks in the coming dry season, calls upon the international community to join in condemning these acts.

I have the honour to request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 20 and 37, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. L. Birabhongse KASEMSRI
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